

POINTS IN POLITICS.

The withdrawal on Saturday of Judge Allen W. Field as a candidate for congress in the First district changed the situation very materially. It was pretty definitely understood in Lincoln and elsewhere that Judge Field would get the endorsement of Lancaster county and the nomination by the district convention. Church Howe had practically given up all hope of receiving the nomination. John C. Watson and Judge Chapman and others were pursuing a kind of waiting policy and there seemed to be no serious obstacle in the way. The withdrawal of Field came as a complete surprise and its immediate effect has been a marked addition to the number and enthusiasm of candidates for the successorship to Mr. Bryan. Judge Field states very plainly in his published letter that he is moved to take this step by purely private reasons, and that he cannot neglect his private business for politics, and most people will congratulate the judge on the wisdom of his course, although there will be a general regret that the man who made such a valiant warfare against Bryan two years ago, and came so near reaching the goal, will not this year lead the party to a certain victory.

Judge Field's future plans are not known, but there is little doubt that he will be heard from frequently in the succeeding campaigns. He is one of the most stirring republicans in Nebraska, and he can always be depended upon to render valuable service to his party.

Field's retirement leaves Judge Strode practically in control of the situation so far as Lancaster county is concerned. Strode is the only candidate this county will have for nomination, and it looks as though he would have the unanimous endorsement of the county. With his own county back of him he can go to Cass, where he formerly lived and secure much additional support; so the outlook for Strode at this time seems to be quite encouraging.

Probably the happiest man in the district on Saturday was Church Howe. He happened to be in the city and read Field's letter with great glee. Howe regarded Field as the only formidable candidate in the district and in the last few weeks, having come to regard Field's nomination as practically assured, the Nemaha county statesman had almost decided to withdraw from the race; so when Field pulled out, Howe immediately pulled in and he is working throughout the district with renewed vigor. There may be a spirited contest between Strode on one side and Howe on the other, with J. C. Watson of Nebraska City as strong possibility as a dark horse or a compromised candidate. Howe's strength is affected somewhat by his attitude toward Tom Majors. Majors has a great many friends in all parts of the district, and Church Howe's recent almost open warfare against Majors has had the effect of turning a great many men from Howe who otherwise would have been for him, and it is a fact that this course has in some instances materially strengthened Majors as a candidate for governor.

Since L. L. H. Austin's return from Chicago he has given a good deal of his attention to the Fifth ward, and he is rallying to his support many of the best and most active workers in that ward. It has been the policy of some of the men working in the interest of Mr. Moore to assert that Austin's candidacy is a blind, that he is standing as a shield for McColl or Raymond, or somebody else. This is a scheme often worked by opposing candidates, but in the present instance it will not avail. It seems hardly necessary to assure anybody at all conversant with the situation, that Mr. Austin is not running in the interest of anybody but himself, that he has no possible connection with McColl, Majors or Raymond or anyone else, but that he wants the nomination for Superintendent of Public Instruction for himself, and that he intends to get it. As a teacher and as a republican Austin is well and favorably known in all parts of the state and there are increasing indications that he will be nominated with ease. It is recognized by a number of the candidates for the various offices on the state ticket that it will be to their advantage to nominate Austin, as he has few equals in the state as a public speaker and campaigner. His nomination, it is generally conceded, will strengthen the whole ticket. Whether there will be a straight out and out contest in the Fifth ward between Austin and Moore for the delegation, remains to be seen, but Mr. Austin's friends are confident that he can carry the ward and they are ready to undertake the work.

H. M. Bushnell, chairman, has called a meeting of the Lancaster county republican central committee for Saturday, June 16. at the Capital hotel. This early meeting probably forshadows an early county convention, possibly before the first of July.

A meeting of the district congressional committee has also been called for this month and the congressional convention will probably be fixed for sometime between the middle of July and the first of August, or possibly a little later.

I. M. Raymond is looking after his fences and it is becoming more and more apparent that he is "in it" as a candidate. Raymond has some elements of strength lacking in the other candidates, and when he gets Lancaster county at his back, he will be prepared to cut a wide swath.

It seems probable that there will be nearly three thousand delegates in attendance upon the republican state league convention to be held in Lincoln, next Tuesday. Omaha is expected to furnish nearly five hundred of this number. A great many republicans, not delegates, have signified their intention to be present. Nothing has occurred to change the situation so far as the presidency of the league is concerned, and Mr. Collins' friends anticipate an easy victory for him. The delegates in this city have undertaken the preliminary arrangements for the convention, and the two thousand or three thousand people will be cared for in the most satisfactory manner.

DINNER ETIQUETTE.

"In Washington," says a woman just returned from there, "I heard a story of one of the young elegants of the national capital. He is a firm believer in the proper way of doing things, and in particular is an extremist in the proper observance of the dinner ceremony."

"Why," he is reported to have said lately, discussing the question, "if my mother were to die suddenly at the end of the fourth course, I should not consider that the meal could be interrupted."

"But what would you do?" he was asked.

"Do?" he repeated. "I should say to the butler: Remove Mrs. — and serve the sorbet."

Which, it may be added, whether knowingly or otherwise, is after the story attributed to the elder Dumas. Dining at his table one day was a friend who obstinately wished a mayonnaise for a salad that Dumas felt should not be so served. Just before the moment arrived to offer the course his friend looked up, gave a gasp and slipped to the floor, dead. Before Dumas allowed himself to become excited over the fatality he took the precaution to turn to his man with the order: "Jean, make a French dressing."

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